



RESOLUTION NO. 048-2026

OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF EL DORADO TO AMEND THE COUNTY GENERAL PLAN BY ADOPTING THE CONSERVATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT UPDATE

WHEREAS, the County of El Dorado (County) is mandated by the State of California to maintain an adequate and proper General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the County's General Plan and the various elements must be periodically updated with current data, recommendations, and policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (Board) adopted a General Plan on July 19, 2004, which identified planned land and infrastructure for physical development in the unincorporated areas of the County; and

WHEREAS, counties are required to review and update their local open-space plan to include plans and an action program, as required by California Government Code Section 65564, that address all of the following:

- (1) Access to open space for all residents in a manner that considers social, economic, and racial equity, correlated with the environmental justice element or environmental justice policies in the general plan, as applicable;
- (2) Climate resilience and other cobenefits of open space, correlated with the safety element; and
- (3) Rewilding opportunities, correlated with the land use element.

WHEREAS, the County has revised its Conservation and Open Space Element to meet the requirements of California Government Code Section 65564 as updated by Senate Bill 1425; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission publicly noticed a hearing on the Conservation and Open Space Element Update, held on December 11, 2025, to amend the County General Plan (GPA 25-0003); and

WHEREAS, at closure of the public hearing and deliberation, the Planning Commission voted unanimously (5-0) to approve staff's recommendation that the Planning Commission forward a recommendation to the Board to approve the General Plan Amendment (GPA 25-0003) to the General Plan and update the Conservation and Open Space Element.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission formally recommends that the Board take the following actions: 1) adopt the Addendum to the El Dorado County General Plan Environmental Impact Report, certified in May 2003 (State Clearinghouse No. 2001082030); and 2) Approve General Plan Amendment GPA 25-0003 amending the General Plan to incorporate amendments to the Conservation and Open Space Element Update; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed and held a public hearing on the recommended amendments to the Conservation and Open Space Element; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the proposed Conservation and Open Space Element Update to the General Plan is consistent with all elements of the General Plan not otherwise amended; and

WHEREAS, the County prepared an addendum to El Dorado County's General Plan Environmental Impact Report (EIR), certified in May 2003 (State Clearinghouse Number 2001082030) ("Addendum") demonstrating that the analysis in that EIR adequately addresses the potential physical impacts associated with implementation of the Conservation and Open Space Element Update and it would not trigger any of the conditions described in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15162 calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Board, before taking action on the Conservation and Open Space Element, accepts the Addendum to El Dorado County's General Plan EIR and, pursuant to Section 15162 of the CEQA Guidelines, the Board hereby certifies that: a) the addendum has been completed in compliance with CEQA; b) the addendum to County's General Plan EIR was presented to the Board, and the Board reviewed and considered the information contained in the Addendum to County's General Plan EIR prior to taking action on the General Plan Amendment; and c) the Addendum to County's General Plan EIR reflects the independent judgment and analysis of the County's Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board hereby approves and accepts the Addendum prepared for the Conservation and Open Space Element of the General Plan as detailed herein, and approves and adopts General Plan Amendment GPA 25-0003 to incorporate amendments to the Conservation and Open Space Element of the General Plan attached to the agenda item of this same date as Attachment E based on the reasons set forth in the staff reports, including all exhibits, and Planning Commission's actions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of the County at a regular meeting of said Board, held the 3rd day of March 2026, by the following vote of said Board:

Ayes: Laine, Ferrero, Veerkamp, Parlin, Turnboo
Noes: None
Absent: None

Attest:
Kim Dawson
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: Kim Dawson
Clerk

Brooke Laine
Chair, Board of Supervisors
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